

FALL 2008 FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES EDUCATORS' CONFERENCE

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NEW LOCATION!!! LIMITED SPACE!!! WORKSHOP PROPOSALS!!!

The professional development committee, Curriculum Connections, for the two FCS professional associations, New Jersey Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (NJAFCS) and Educators of Family and Consumer Sciences-New Jersey (EFACS-NJ), **invites all family and consumer sciences educators** to attend the 2008 Fall Family and Consumer Sciences Educators' Conference on Wednesday, October 29th. The conference will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Hamilton, Route 130 South, Hamilton (Mercer County). **(Please note that this is a new location for the FCS Educators' Conference; and attendance will be limited to 180 attendees.)**

The Committee is sending the invitation at this time so that you may start your professional development participation approval process for the 2008-2009 school year before the end of the 2007-2008 school year or during the summer months. We anticipate that this will meet your needs as many of you have requested that we send the information early so that you may meet the deadlines set by your school district for participation in professional development workshops conducted in the fall. (Note: It is suggested that you send your registration form as early as possible.)

To expand and continue celebrating the founding of Family and Consumer Sciences (Home Economics) by Ellen Swallow Richards, the Curriculum Connections professional development committee and the two FCS professional associations have chosen "Family and Consumer Sciences Curriculum Teaches Individuals and Families to 'Live Smart'" as the theme for the Fall 2008 FCS Educators' Conference. Since today's society is being encouraged "to live smart" and "to live green", the family and consumer sciences courses/programs in our public schools **can and should** be the impetus for teaching how to "live green" and "save the planet" for present and future generations. The six workshops will focus on a variety of "living smart and/or green" topics such as: Food (Organic), Nutrition and Fitness; Eco-friendly Fashion; Recycling Helps the Environment; Volunteerism: Everyone Can Make A Difference; Green Housing and Decorating; and The Next Generation/Parenting for Today and Tomorrow.

FCS educators are invited and encouraged to submit a workshop proposal showing how they are addressing one of the topics listed in the above paragraph. The deadline for submission of the proposals is July 15. (See the enclosed "Call for Workshop Proposals".)

The professional development committee, Curriculum Connections, will review the proposals and select the six (6) one-hour workshops to be conducted at the conference. The selected workshop presenters will be notified by August 1; and the final Conference schedule and workshop descriptions will be posted on the FCS website by August 8th.

The New Jersey FCS website address is: <http://www.njfamilyandconsumersciences.org/>.

The tentative Conference schedule is:

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Registration, Morning Break and Networking
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Workshop Session A
9:40 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.	Workshop Session B
10:50 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.	General Session Topic: "Living Smart and Living Green"
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Closing General Session/Lunch Topic: Recommendations for Transforming New Jersey High School Education; Revision of New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards; and Proposed New Jersey High School Graduation Requirements

The conference registration deadline is Wednesday, October 22nd.

Confirmation for your conference registration will be sent via e-mail only. Be sure to include your home e-mail address on the registration form. (Note: Many school e-mails will not accept any e-mail which appears to be "spam" because of the number of persons listed to receive the information. Because of time and staffing, it is necessary for us to send each e-mail confirmation message to at least 10 persons.)

Arrangements have also been made for those who wish to stay overnight at the hotel to call and identify themselves as attending the FCS Educators' Conference. The cost is \$137 plus 15 % tax per double room. Make your reservations prior to September 29th to receive this rate. The telephone number for the Hilton Garden Inn is 1-609-585-6789; and the hotel is located at 800 Route 130 South, Hamilton, New Jersey 08690. (Directions: Take NJ Turnpike to Exit 7A; go West on I-195 to Exit 5A [Route 130 South]; take Route 130 South through first traffic signal and past the jug handle to Hamilton Market Place; entrance to the Hilton Garden Inn Hamilton is on the right and is also the entrance to T.G.I. Friday's.)

If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Reynolds via e-mail at CarolReynol@aol.com (include FCS Educators' Conference in the subject line) or call 609-585-9426. We look forward to seeing you at the 2008 Fall FCS Educators' Conference.

**Fall 2008 FCS Educators' Conference
October 29, 2008**

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

SESSION A WORKSHOPS

Workshop 1: Deconstruct/Reconstruct

Learn about creating clothing construction projects that protect the environment, are cost effective and encourage problem solving. Help your students find new ways to "Reuse, Reduce and Recycle".

Workshop 2: 'Living Smart and Living Green' Financially

Learn how to help your students and their families live through the "financial tornado" created by high energy costs, rising food prices, foreclosure rates, decreasing employer health and retirement benefits, stock market volatility, high debt levels and low savings rates, and bank and investment company closures. Dozens of specific ideas related to saving money on food and fuel, cash flow management and investing wisely will be shared.

Workshop 3: Communication: A Key Role in an Adolescent's Life

Hear how FCS curricula can help adolescents gain experience and competence in building their peer relationships, friendships and eventually romantic relationships. Emphasis will be on sexual decision making and parenting.

SESSION B WORKSHOPS

Workshop 4: FCS Makes It Happen.....Hear All About It!

Launching a "Marketing Campaign" that utilizes the effective ways that FCS teachers can promote their programs through classroom projects that address the "hot topics" of the 21st century will be shared.

Workshop 5: Organic Foods: What are they? Do we need them?

Learn what makes foods "organic", the pros & cons of purchasing, preparing and eating organic foods, and how can we teach FCS students to eat "healthy".

Workshop 6: Using Technology for 'Smart Living'

Learn about the latest technological resources and how they can support your Family and Consumer Sciences curricula and how you can keep your school's FCS program 'ahead of the curve' in your school and community.

Please identify the workshop choices on your registration form.

REGISTRATION

**Deadline: Wednesday, October 22, 2008
(No walk-in registrations will be accepted.)**

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800 Route 130 South
Hamilton, New Jersey 08690 (Mercer County)
October 29, 2008**

**NON-REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE: (NOTE: SCHOOL PURCHASE
ORDERS/VOUCHERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.)**

MAKE COPIES FOR COLLEAGUES.

NAME: _____

School/Business/Agency Address: _____
Street, P.O. Box

Home Address: _____
City State Zip Code

Street, P.O. Box City State Zip Code
School/Agency Phone #: _____ **Home Phone #:** _____

Home E-mail: _____
(Note: REGISTRATION WILL BE CONFIRMED TO A HOME E-MAIL ADDRESS ONLY.)

Indicate Professional Membership:
EFACS-NJ _____ (Note: All EFACS-NJ memberships are due for renewal.
The membership year is September 1, 2008-August 31, 2009.)
NJAFCS _____ (Please include a copy of your AAFCS membership card.)

Workshop Choice: (View workshop descriptions and schedule on website after August 8.)
Workshop Session A #1 _____ #2 _____ Workshop Session B #1 _____ #2 _____

Non-refundable Registration Fee: (Note: School purchase orders/vouchers will not be accepted.)
\$100.00 for members of EFACS-NJ and/or NJAFCS
\$130.00 for non-members

Enclosed is a check for: _____

**Send registration and payment payable to Curriculum Connections by Wednesday, October 22,
2008 to:** 2008 FCS Educators' Conference Registration
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